

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 71 through 76 and 78 through 83 are pending, with Claims 75, 76, 82, and 83 being independent. Claims 70 and 77 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 71 through 76, 78 through 80, 82, and 83 have been amended.

Claims 70 through 74 and 77 through 81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 5,444,476 (Conway). Claims 75, 76, 82, and 83 were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed, and are submitted to have been obviated by the rewriting of objected-to Claims 75, 76, 82, and 83 in independent form, with the claims having been further amended in a manner earnestly believed by Applicants not to affect the allowability thereof. For example, Claim 75 has been amended to recite displaying a residual time for the control inhibition of the camera. Also, Claims 71, 72, 75, and 76 have been amended to change an instance of “control apparatus” to --apparatus--.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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